

HOUSE BILL 303

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-104 and Section 38-8-107, relative to the peace officer standards and training commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-104(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The commission shall:

(1) Develop, plan, and implement law enforcement training programs for all local law enforcement officers in Tennessee;

(2) Function as a clearing house for training programs related to local law enforcement;

(3) Receive, administer, and expend local, state, federal, and other monetary assistance in the form of grants or otherwise, in order to further any of the commission's purposes pursuant to this chapter;

(4) Establish uniform standards for the employment and training of police recruits and police officers, including preemployment qualifications and requirements for officer certification;

(5) Establish minimum standards and curriculum requirements for the courses of study offered by or for any municipality, the state of Tennessee or any political subdivision of the state, and universities, colleges, community colleges, colleges of applied technology, and other educational institutions for the specific purpose of training police recruits or police officers;

(6) Consult and cooperate with municipalities, the state of Tennessee or any political subdivision of the state, and universities, colleges, community colleges, colleges of applied technology, and other educational institutions for the specific purpose of training police recruits or police officers;

(7) Consult and cooperate with municipalities, the state of Tennessee or any political subdivision of the state, and universities, colleges, community colleges, colleges of applied technology, and other educational institutions concerning the development of police training schools and programs limited to education and training in the area of police science, police administration, and all allied and supporting fields;

(8) Approve facilities for school operation by or for any municipality, the state of Tennessee or any political subdivision of the state, and universities, colleges, community colleges, colleges of applied technology, and other educational institutions for the specific purpose of training police recruits and police officers;

(9) Issue certification to persons who, by reason of experience and completion of in-service, advanced education or specialized training, are especially qualified for particular aspects or classes of police work;

(10) Make or encourage studies on any aspect of police education, training, and recruitment; and

(11) Administer income supplements for police officers.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-104, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

The commission has the authority to obtain a set of classifiable fingerprints for any person hired as a police officer or enrolled as a police recruit in an approved recruit training program and to submit the set of fingerprints to the Tennessee bureau of investigation for a search of its criminal history records systems to determine whether

the person has any recorded convictions in Tennessee and meets the minimum qualifications as provided in § 38-8-106. The Tennessee bureau of investigation shall forward the set of fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a search of the national criminal history database per federal bureau of investigation policy to determine whether the person has any recorded convictions and meets the minimum qualifications as provided in § 38-8-106.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-107(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The commission shall issue a certificate of compliance to any person who meets the qualifications for employment and satisfactorily completes an approved recruit training program. All officers employed on and after July 1, 2017, must:

- (1) Enroll in an approved recruit training program within six (6) months of their date of employment;
- (2) Successfully complete an approved recruit training program as required by this part; and
- (3) Successfully complete an annual in-service training session appropriate for their rank and responsibilities.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.